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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2275
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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NON-PUBLISHING OF IT STATISTICS

2275. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has stopped publishing All India Income Tax Statistics since the year 2000;
b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
c) whether the Government proposes to restore this practice to make transparent the information about Income Tax data?

Answer

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)
(a) Yes, Sir.
(b) The data published in the "All India Income Tax Statistics" is based on the estimates being made on relatively small sample size. The small sample size was not representative of the population of tax payers/assesses for different categories. Therefore, it was considered by National Statistical Commission (NSC) in one of its recommendations to make sample size representative and broad based. This recommendation came in the wake of number of tax payers/assesses having been increased over the years. Secondly, the National Statistical Commission also pointed out time lag of 2 to 3 years in the publication of Income Tax statistics. The said publication was discontinued with the aim of bringing it out with computerization and networking of all offices under Central Board of Direct Taxes.
(c) Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to restore the publication in the revised format in public domain.
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